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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants hereby submit these comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The Examiner stated that:

The prior art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, does not teach an apparatus and method for associating a plurality of bonus values in a group with at least one win-group outcome including a change group outcome and a plurality of bonus values in the group, for providing the player with the at least one win-group outcome and for terminating the bonus game when the win-group outcome is associated with a selected symbol picked by a player as recited in claims 1-29 and 31-38.

Certain of the allowed claims 1-29 and 31-38 do not include these elements.

There is no support in the prosecution history for reading these elements cited by the Examiner into all of the claims.

Applicants respectfully request that these Comments be entered of record in the file of the above-referenced application.

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